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OH GREAT The Great Redwood Trail, a 307-mile, multi-use rail-to-trail project connecting San Francisco and Humboldt bays. VIA *THEGREATREDWOODTRAIL.ORG*

Great Redwood Trail EIR comments detail issues

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The environmental review process for the Great Redwood Trail has taken its first steps with a public comment scoping session.

Held May 14, the online event fielded a first volley of public comments on the trail project's potential impacts and what should be done to address them.

The comments will shape a draft version of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) covering the 231-mile trail project running through Mendocino, Trinity and Humboldt counties.

That document is expected to be released for public review by the end of this year.

The trail will be developed within the former North Coast Railroad Authority right-of-way and commenters noted the impacts of rail wreckage that lingers.

"Part of what needs to be remediated are the significant amounts of metal on the banks and in the river itself, which are often hazards to navigation – life and limb," said Scott Greacen, conservation director for Friends of the Eel River. "It will be a significant challenge in terms of figuring out where they are and how to remove them."

TRAIL ❖ PAGE 3



CRAB CREW The Humboldt Crabs baseball team and its hardy support crew moved in to the Arcata Ball Park Sunday, prepping the yard for the team's 80th season, starting Friday, May 31. *humboldtcrabs.com* PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



Wastewater UV working, GP2045 progressing

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ARCATA – A four-woman City Council (with Councilmember Sarah Schaefer absent) processed a range of meat-and-potatoes municipal issues last week, getting up to speed on the wastewater treatment plant overhaul, tweaking the draft General Plan 2045 and the city's protocol manual, and reducing the rent stabilization fee for mobile homes from $10 to $5.

Set for completion in June, 2026, Phase 1 of the overhaul of Arcata's Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Arcatra Marsh/Corp Yard is proceeding apace, City Engineer Netra Khatri told the council.

Work in progress on the $67 million Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project is replacing aged infrastructure and bringing the plant into compliance with current standards, and has already seen activation of new ultraviolet (UV) disinfection to replace the hazardous, old school chlorine-based system.

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Public Health warns public of possible measles virus exposure at two Eureka locations May 9, 10

Individuals who visited the Days Inn by Wyndham, 270 Fifth St. in Eureka from Thursday, May 9 at 2 p.m. through Friday, May 10 at 3 a.m. or the Providence St. Joseph Hospital Emergency Department, 2700 Dolbeer St. in Eureka Friday, May 10 between 2:30 and 6:30 a.m. may have been exposed to measles.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HUMBOLDT – Public Health staff have been in contact with at least 109 people who were exposed to measles after an individual with the virus visited two Eureka locations May 9 and May 10 and is asking anyone who thinks they may have been exposed, but has not been contacted, to call (707) 268-2182.

Through interviews, vaccine records and in some cases immunity testing, the majority of those who were known to be exposed are likely immune to measles, and 10 individuals were given the post-exposure prophylaxis vaccine which can be given up to 72 hours after exposure.

On Friday, May 10, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services issued a news release informing the community that individuals who visited the Days Inn by Wyndham, 270 Fifth St. in Eureka from Thursday, May 9 at 2 p.m. through Friday, May 10 at 3 a.m. or the Providence St. Joseph Hospital Emergency Department, 2700 Dolbeer St. in Eureka Friday, May 10 between 2:30 and 6:30 a.m. may have been exposed to measles.

If you were inside of either of these locations during the times mentioned and have not been in contact with Public Health staff, please call (707) 268-2182, whether or not you are experiencing symptoms.

A Public Health nurse will evaluate your possible exposure, help determine your immunity status, and provide additional information.

Anyone who contracted the virus after last week's exposure would start to be contagious anywhere from early Friday morning through May 31. If you think you may have measles, contact your primary care provider or Public Health. Do not physically go into a medical facility.

According to the California Department of Public Health, measles is a highly contagious virus that lives in the nose and throat mucus of an infected person.

It can spread to others through coughing and sneezing. The virus can live for up to one hour in an airspace after the infected person leaves the area, and other people who breathe the contaminated air or touch the infected surface, then touch their eyes, noses or mouths can become infected.

It can take anywhere from seven to 21 days to develop symptoms after exposure to measles, and symptoms usually begin with a fever that lasts for a couple of days, followed by a cough, runny nose, conjunctivitis (pink eye) and a rash.

The rash typically appears first on the face, along the hairline and behind the ears and then affects the rest of the body.

Infected people are usually contagious from about four days before their rash starts to four days afterward.

Children under 5 years old and people who are pregnant or have compromised immune systems are at highest risk for severe disease and complications from measles.

Measles is a vaccine-preventable illness. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is 97 percent effective at preventing illness.

For more information about the vaccine, contact your primary care provider and visit *cdc.gov/measles/vaccination.html*.

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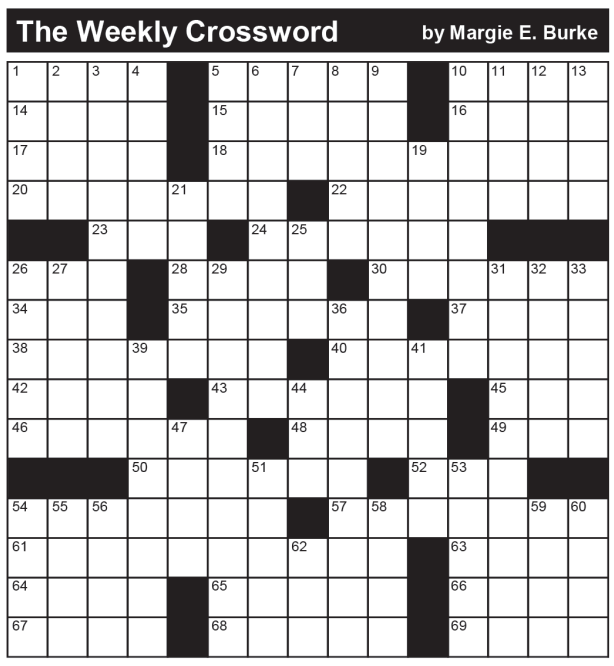
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Wednesday, May 15	00.00	45.94	40.50	37.92
Thursday, May 16	00.00	45.94	40.50	37.97
Friday, May 17	00.00	45.94	40.50	38.02
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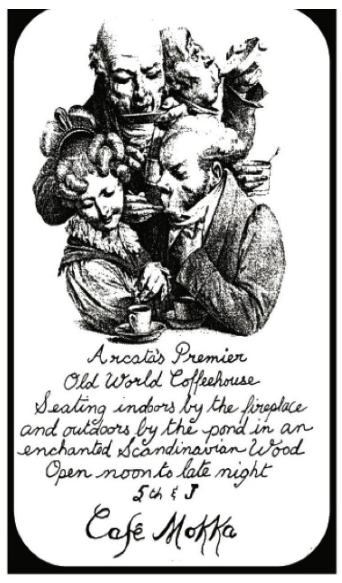
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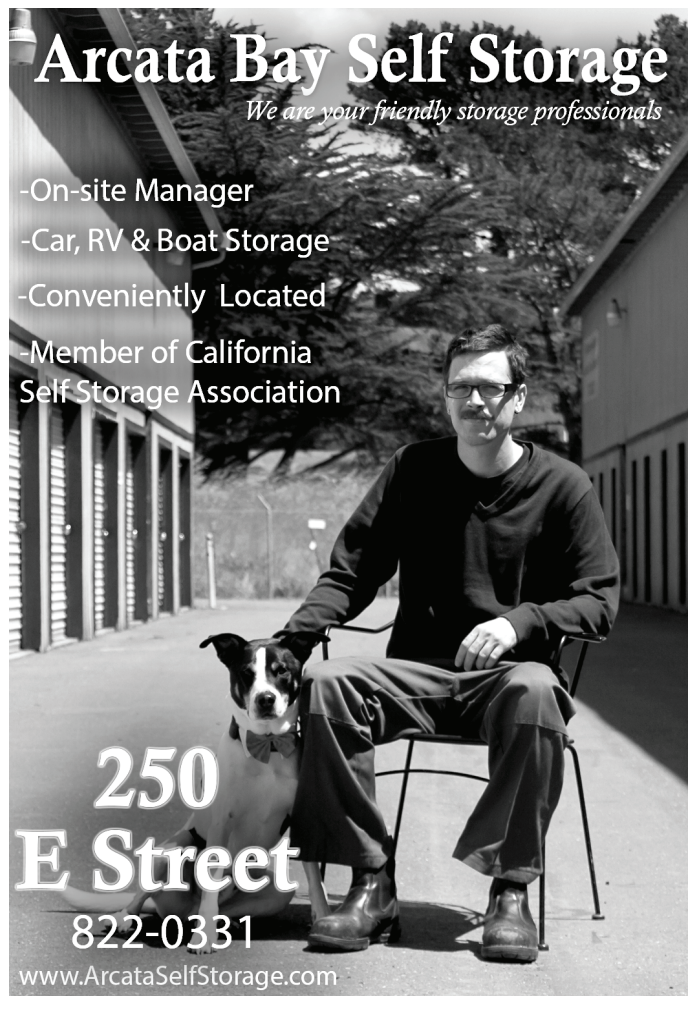
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HCSO saves stranded swimmer; one missing

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WILLOW CREEK – On Wednesday, May 15 at about 6 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the Kimtu Beach area of Willow Creek for the report of a possible drowning.

According to witnesses, an adult male was swimming in the Trinity River at that location when he showed signs of distress before disappearing below the water and had not been observed to resurface.

Upon the arrival of first responders, another member of the missing man's party was found to be stranded on a rock and unable to return to shore.

Deputies began obtaining necessary information and conducting search and rescue efforts from the shore as members of the HCSO Special Services Division also responded with a boat to begin an on the water search.

Additionally, members of the Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Hoopa Volunteer Fire Department, Hawkins Bar Volunteer Fire Department, Willow Creek/Hoopa Ambulance and a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter also responded to assist with rescue efforts.

Upon arrival of the USCG helicopter, the male subject who was stranded on a rock was rescued by the helicopter crew.

These agencies continued search efforts into the late evening, but were unable to locate the missing man, who has been identified as 23-year-old Jeshua Wilkinson of Arcata. Jeshua is described as being of Hawaiian descent, 5 foot 9 inches tall, approximately 160 pounds, short black hair, brown eyes and last seen wearing black shorts.

The HCSO and partner agencies, including a California Highway Patrol helicopter, continued search efforts in the area in an attempt to locate and recover Jeshua.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact HCSO at (707) 445-7251.

Council | Planning

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Environmental Services Director Emily Sinkhorn thanked the public for their patience with trail closures due to construction. Another week-long closure is set for the Butcher Slough area in June.

Phase 1 improvements aim to keep the WWTP viable through 2055, though a second round of work is in planning as studies proceed to ensure that the current project considers anticipated sea level rise and coastal hazards such as flooding. Coastal Commission and state grants are aiding with analysis and vulnerability assessments as well as possible future alternative sitings and decentralized treatment.

Sinkhorn said public workshops are planned for the fall to help inform the public and gather input to shape future work.

Arcata's draft General Plan 2045 (GP2045) has been under revision since its December release, with alterations being tracked at *cityofarcata.org/974/General-Plan-Updates*. Approval of the GP2045 is expected as early as July 17.

Community Development Director David Loya gave an overview of Planning Commission changes, asking for council approval. The council consensed on striking a provision that prohibited replacement of broken wood stoves in favor of a less polluting heating source, on gounds that it would excessively impact lower-income residents.

The *City Officials' Protocol Manual 2024* is under revision, and councilmembers were largely happy with the current draft.

After discussion, the council unanimously approved the current draft of the manual. A more inclusive version which will apply not just to the City Council, but also to city committees and commissions, will come back to the council in the future.

Finally, the council agreed to lower the fee for mobile homes subject to rent stabilization from $10 to $5, to better reflect actual costs.

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WHEELED GENTS A global event, the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride features classic and vintage-style motorcycles and dapper-dressed riders to benefit men's health issues. After leaving Old Town Sunday morning, the local group cruised past Redwood Acres, to the Arcata Plaza, out West End Road, through Fieldbook to McKinleyville and then out Dow's Prairie Road, ending in Westhaven Matt Filar | Union



THE GRADUATES Cal Poly Humboldt graduates at the College of Professional Studies Commencement ceremony hosted at the Eureka Theater.
Cal Poly Humboldt photo

Cal Poly Class of 2024 graduates at various NoHum locations

Note: with the Cal Poly Humboldt campus still closed following protests, the university last week issued this summary of its dispersed commencement ceremonies. – Ed.

Cal Poly Humboldt

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – With the support of thousands of families, the campus community and local partners, Cal Poly Humboldt celebrated the Class of 2024.

"I'm so happy for all our graduates and their families and am thrilled they were able to mark this momentous occasion in the manner they deserved—surrounded by those who have supported them throughout this journey," says Advancement Events & Commencement Coordinator Shannon Collart.

The University adjusted its main Commencement plans, holding multiple ceremonies organized by majors across three local off-campus venues.

The ceremonies took place concurrently in the Eureka Theater, Eureka High School and the Blue Lake Casino Sapphire Palace.

The University also hosted its second annual Regional Commencement ceremony at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills. Introduced last year, the regional event is designed to help more families and friends from Southern California celebrate the moment with their graduates.

In total, 1,120 graduates and 258 faculty participated in Commencement and 10,089 guests joined them.

The University modified Commencement due to the campus closure and security concerns. Despite the change of scenery, the ceremonies were just as festive, energizing and boisterous.

"At each ceremony, you could feel the energy of the crowds. Everyone was cheering—and in some cases very loudly—for their grads," Collart says. "We know this has been an emotional time, so it was amazing to see how the Lumberjack community came together to make this happen. The families were very appreciative of being able to celebrate this milestone."

Shifting to multiple graduation ceremonies in just 10 days underscored the resilience of Humboldt's community.

Cal Poly Humboldt is deeply grateful to Blue Lake Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria Tribal Police Department, Eureka Theater, Eureka High School, Eureka Police Department, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Yurok Tribal Police Department, Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Department, Arcata Police Department and Eureka Community Emergency Response Team.

New graduates are encouraged to register for *free* with Forever Humboldt, the official association for the Cal Poly Humboldt community.

Registered members receive ongoing Library access, special discounts at local businesses, access to career resources, special invites to Forever Humboldt events, and more. Get more information on the Forever Humboldt website.

Students are also encouraged to take the Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility, a Commencement tradition that began at Humboldt in 1987 and has been used by more than 100 universities worldwide.



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Meet lovely Cosmo, wiggly Joey and sporty Sadie at the Grand Kinetic Championship Saturday on the Plaza



It's that time of the year: The Kinetic Sculpture Race (officially the Kinetic Grand Championship) starts this Saturday, and Sparky, the Kinetic Foster Dog will be riding again!

Sparky is a big black and white dog sculpture sponsored by Redwood Pals Rescue. As in past years, Sparky will be accompanied on the Plaza by a collection of adoptable dogs.



Over the past week, we have been field-testing the shelter's adoptable dogs to find the ones who will think parading around the Plaza through thousands of people is fun.

We are excited to show off this year's candidates and hope you'll come find us and give them a pet! Look for the happy dog with his "Adopt Me" vest and his canine companions similarly adorned.

One of our crew will be the lovely Cosmo, featured here recently. Cosmo won't be bothered by the loud noises of the sculptures and the crowds because he can't hear them. However, this sweet boy loves everyone he meets, human or canine, and is very happy to be part of the action with the other dogs.

Come meet Cosmo and be impressed with his adaptive abilities!

Two more dogs that we are expecting to have out with Sparky on Saturday are Joey and Sadie. Joey is a relative newcomer but has been actively winning the hearts of the volunteers.

Joey is easy to walk, friendly with all the other dogs and appreciative of pets and attention. He is about two years old and a nice medium size at about 40 pounds.



Joey got a good field test recently on a day when a crew was mowing the lawns, a helicopter was practicing landing and takeoff nearby and he remained completely unfazed. On another day, he went on a field trip to Pierson Park with his volunteer friend Lauren. Lauren reported that he rode well in the car and had a great time at the park. The highlight of his trip was getting to watch some kids playing a game on the field!



Joey's wags and wiggles made us think he has had good experiences with children in the past. Maybe his future family will see him at the race!

Sadie will be another member of the Sparky contingent. Sadie is a fun girl who loves to play, whether with another dog or a willing fetch partner. She has had a few opportunities to visit at the home of one of our volunteer couples. They gave her a glowing review, reporting how nicely she played with their friend's dog, how entertaining she was chasing leaves around the yard, and how well-behaved she was in the house.

Sadie was also part of our group that attended the Mother's Day crafts fair in Blue Lake and enjoyed being part of the action. Sadie is estimated to be about two years old and weighs about 50 pounds. She is considered by the dog-walkers to be an easy walker and is currently one of our best frisbee players! She likes to examine the ball selection in the play yard to find her favorite variety and will even present it to the volunteer to toss it for her.

Sadie is a fun and playful girl! Look for us on the Plaza and come say hi.

Cosmo, Sadie and Joey are all available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. Appointments and information are available at (707) 840-9132.

The shelter will be closed next Monday for Memorial Day.

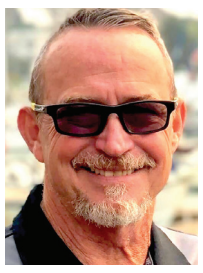


GRT appointment triggers discussion of impacts

Daniel Mintz
Mad River Union

HUMBOLDT – Concerns of landowners along the route of The Great Redwood Trail influenced a Humboldt County Board of Supervisors debate over a trail-related appointment.

At their May 7 meeting, supervisors voted to re-appoint Jeff Hunerlach, a local construction labor union representative, to the nine-member Great Redwood Trail Agency.


Jeff Hunerlach

Also up for appointment were two people who have ties to land ownership – Courtney Wyatt, whose family owns the Fort Seward Ranch, and John Anderson, who works for the Humboldt Redwood Company.

The supervisors' debate focused on whether Wyatt and Anderson should be prioritized due to the perception that they would represent property owners.

"The property owners are scared to death," said Board Chair Rex Bohn. "And they've made phone calls and haven't gotten the answer … they don't feel like they're being listened to so it would be nice if they had somebody they can turn to."

Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, whose district includes the Eel River Canyon, a major segment of the trail, agreed. She said owners of properties on the trail path have told her that "landowners aren't being heard."

She added that people with concerns have "told these people, 'Apply for the board, get on the board,'" and "it's not that they oppose the trail 100 percent, they just want their concerns to be heard."

Supervisor Steve Madrone is the board's representative to the agency.

He said there's genuine commitment to heeding the concerns of landowners.

"We recognize that there are significant issues with building this trail," he continued. "We do have to fulfill the promises we've made to adjacent landowners and make sure that we do have a system that allows us to prevent trespassing, dogs affecting livestock and wildfire."

The discussion included conflict of interest concerns related to Wyatt's family ranch and the labor union's political contributions. But those issues were deemed to be insubstantial and a vote for Hunerlach proceeded.

It was more complex than usual. When Bohn's and Bushnell's turns in the roll call vote came, they had more to say than "yea" or "nay."

"I'm gonna vote yes for the basic reason of being uniform," said Bohn. "I hope Michelle will too, to show Jeff support because he has it anyway and to move forward."

Bushnell noted being "called out" and said, "I know Jeff has done a great job and I hope in the future we will add someone else to that board."

Bohn and Bushnell joined a unanimous vote to re-appoint him.

Trail | Final trail EIR still about a year away

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Michelle Merrifield, a member of the Round Valley tribe, described the moribund rail infrastructure as "an eyesore and a scar upon nature" that needs to be cleaned up.

"There's so much garbage inside the Eel River right now," she said. "There's corrosion and creosote rail ties that are still leaching poisons into the river."

She added that the rail right-of-way and the trail path runs through "an area of our ancestral village sites in the Eel River Canyon" and she's "opposed to the trail going through there … I don't like it all."

Patty Clary of Californians for Alternatives to Toxics noted the potential creosote leaching and the presence of "many other chemicals in polluted areas," including dioxin and pesticides.

"We want to be certain that the PEIR addresses the significance of this," she said. "We'd like see every known and every suspected toxic site addressed in the PEIR … releasing these contaminants back into the environment through construction and use is going to add another catastrophe to the various waterways throughout the line."

Nikcole Whipple of the Round Valley Tribe is also concerned about "the toxins that may go into the river" and asked that "traditional ecological knowledge be accepted as best science and that our tribal nations and communities are included in this project."

The remote Eel River Canyon segment of the planned trail is of most concern.

Some callers asked that the trail not run through it. "It's a question of how do you assess the environmental impacts of bringing people through this wild backcountry," said one.

The project's components and goals were outlined by Elaine Hogan of the Great Redwood Trail Agency, the project's lead agency.

The trail aims to provide a "world class recreational experience," with a mix of paved, gravel and backcountry segments accommodating wheelchair users, hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, rafters and others.

It will link to public lands and parks, and add to "green infrastructure and sustainable transportation networks."

The clean-up of rail waste and "environmental restoration" are listed among its goals. The public scoping comment period is open until May 31.

The release of the draft PEIR will open a 45-day comment period – Clary asked that it be expanded to three months – and a final EIR is expected to be released in the spring or summer of 2025.

Trinidad Heart Center community resource evolves in the Heart of Trinidad

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD – It's an old building, constructed of redwood in 1914. It was built originally as the parish hall of the Trinidad Presbyterian Church. Church leaders had planned to build the actual church in front of the hall but that never happened. Worship services, Sunday school and many other activities of the church all happened in the hall.

The generous church members even gave a home to the Trinidad public library, pushing aside the rolling bookshelves every Sunday to make a space for services. (The library grew, moved to two other locations in the town and finally moved to its permanent home in Saunders Park.)

The Presbyterians continued to hold services until old age took its toll on members. In 2008, the Episcopal Mission of Saints Martha and Mary rented the church for a number of years. Then the building was empty and prospective buyers suggested many uses.

Chuck and Sherry Vanderpool bought the building in 2021 with the idea of offering a small music venue, yoga, games nights, poetry readings and other community enrichment opportunities.



Chuck Vanderpool outside Trinidad Heart Center. PHOTOS BY JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION



"We bought it because we wanted to create something for the town," Chuck Vanderpool said.

The Vanderpools own The Lighthouse Grill and Headies Pizza and Pour in Trinidad. They've been bringing joy to the town with such varied activities as concerts by the hilarious Steve Poltz to providing ice cream cones to every child who signed up for the library's Summer Reading Program.

The building had been called the Trinidad Art Center, but the sign has been changed to The Trinidad Heart Center.

They have turned the project over to their son, Chuck, who wants to focus on the healing arts. His vision for the building is broad.

"It's really like a canvas that everyone can add to," he said. "Our intention is to be welcoming to all."

So far the space has been used for yoga classes, sound healing, Thai massage classes, performances by the Trinidad School Rock Band and by the Trinidad School steel drum band, a travelogue by two retired professors, a wheat-weaving demonstration, a celebration of life and school fundraisers.

Vanderpool has put out a call on social media for folks who want to teach a class, host a group activity or attend a class to get in touch.

"The community has so many gifts, we'd like to be a forum for that," Vanderpool said.

"A number of parents want to attend classes," he said. "I'm thinking of morning classes for parents who drop off their kids," he added.

Vanderpool is a school parent himself. His youngest son is in seventh grade at Trinidad School and his older son, a Trinidad School graduate, is now in high school.

Vanderpool moved to town in 2009 and has an interesting background. He worked for Redwood Adventures for five years, giving tours in Prairie Creek. He's part of a tree climbing network that supports researchers who are creating seed banks from Giant sequoias.

He's worked at The Lighthouse Grill and was a stay-at-home dad when the kids were young. Now his passion is to be "a good steward" of this old building.

And the space is beautiful. Old cabinets were torn out and new seating lines two walls. A state-of-the-art sound system is ready and the room is filled with light and paintings.

A native plant garden is in the design works for the front lawn and potted plants line the entrance to the building.

Specially bolted hooks hang from the ceiling for the aerial silks used in the yoga class.

On a recent Saturday, Monique Riofrio taught seven students as part of their 200-hour teacher training.





Monique Riofrio teaching two different groups: an aerial yoga class, and an ongoing 200-hour teacher training course for yoga instructors.

All were focused and impressive as they flowed through their warm-up routine. They'd been there since 7 a.m. and would be there all weekend for a total of nine weekends of training.

Riofrio guided them through the routine, making it look effortless. She's been "fully committed to teaching yoga for the last six years and started her practice around 10 years ago."

Riofrio also teaches in Eureka and in Sunny Brae. She's been in Humboldt County for four years.

Besides the teacher training, Riofrio offers an aerial yoga class on Monday nights at the center. Participants must sign up in advance as space is limited. She may offer other types of yoga classes in the future.

Trinidad Heart Center is located at 426 Trinity St., across from Trinidad Town Hall. It is wheelchair accessible.

The website is *trinidadheartcenter.com*. Find more information on Facebook and Instagram as well.

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Maker's Apron offers crafty summer camp options

MAKER'S APRON

HUMBOLDT – Mini makers, tiny tinkerers and crafty kids have new day camp options this summer!

Maker's Apron Creative Reuse is offering three Monday through Friday camps on different ecological themes for kids 8 to 11 years old.

- In "Space Explorers," campers will look at their watery home from an outside perspective.
- "Creature Camp" is all about animal pals and their habitats.
- The final session, "Robots v Fairies" will be about using technology to live within nature, harnessing smarts to make harmony.



In each five-day camp session, crafty makers will create creatures, costumes and contraptions. Edu-maker camp leaders will guide campers through a variety of individual and group projects along with team-building challenges and collaborations, culminating in a Friday Fotoshoot to show off their work. All tools and materials are included.

Campers will discover their interconnected ecosystem and their place in it while learning about the 4Rs of waste reduction: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot.

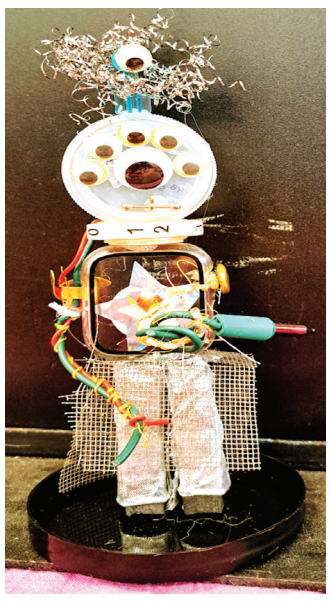
To accommodate all this activity, Maker's Apron has partnered with the Jefferson Community Center, taking over a large classroom for the summer. Thanks to the Jefferson Project's Free Summer Lunch Program and a grant from the Humboldt Sponsors, all campers can enjoy free lunches and snacks made on site with all local ingredients. Each day is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with early dropoff and late pick up available.

MAKERS A camper and some creations.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



- Space Explorers – Monday June 17 through Friday June 21
- Creature Camp – Monday June 24 through Friday June 28
- Robots v Fairies – Monday July 8 through Friday July 12



The cost of each five-day camp session is $265 per camper with some scholarships available. Interested mini makers and their families can find more camp descriptions, a sample daily schedule and a registration link at *makersapron.org*.

Maker's Apron is a DreamMaker Project of the Ink People.

TRINIDAD LIONS BREAKFAST & BOOKS The Trinidad Lions will hold a Pancake Breakfast and Book Sale Sunday, May 26 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Trinidad School. Pancakes, eggs and choice of ham or sausage or biscuits and gravy and eggs plus beverage. $8 Adult, $4 children.

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Cal Poly helps form new West Coast Wind Science Consortium

Cal Poly Humboldt

WEST COAST – A new West Coast collaboration for offshore wind science was announced in Sacramento last week.

The Pacific Offshore Wind Consortium (POWC) is a joint effort between three research centers: the Schatz Energy Research Center at Cal Poly Humboldt, the Pacific Marine Energy Center at Oregon State University, and the Center for Coastal Marine Sciences at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Together, these universities are housed in and support the coastal communities in California and Oregon which are anticipated to host floating offshore wind development. The POWC (pronounced pow-sea) will enable universities, host communities, and Tribal nations to share resources, co-develop best practices, and design comprehensive research programs that reflect the dynamic nature of the ocean environment and the diversity of community perspectives.

The consortium will advance three pillars: (i) research and innovation, (ii) university-level workforce education and professional development, and (iii) community and Tribal engagement and knowledge exchange.

Expertise from three universities

The Schatz Energy Research Center is located in the Humboldt Bay area, which is preparing to house one of only two feasible staging and integration ports in California for offshore wind deployment. Humboldt is also home to two wind lease areas, which begin 20 miles offshore and span 207 square miles.

Since 2018, the Schatz Center has published over 30 reports on topics ranging from transmission expansion to seabird vulnerability, in an effort to understand the feasibility of offshore wind and to identify critical environmental and community needs that would be associated with its development.

The Schatz Center works in close partnership with Tribal Nations, county services and state government to design innovative solutions for clean power generation and energy resilience.

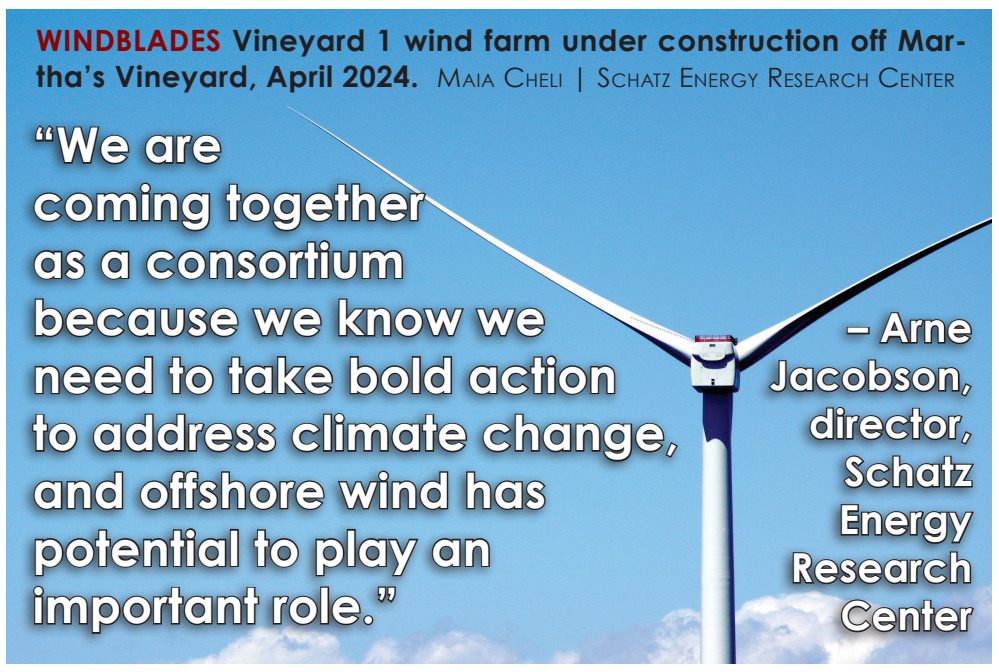
"We are coming together as a consortium because we know we need to take bold action to address climate change, and offshore wind has potential to play an important role. We also know that the transition to clean energy needs to happen in a way that is inclusive, equitable and environmentally responsible," says Arne Jacobson, director of the Schatz Center. "As universities embedded in the regions where offshore wind is proposed, we have a special role to play, and – working in collaboration with partners – we can help generate the knowledge needed to transform our energy system in a way that does right by our communities and the planet."

Environmental research for offshore wind includes baseline surveys, behavioral assessments, data integration and modeling, monitoring for protected species, planned mitigation, pathways for adaptive management and transfer of lessons learned. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo is home to the Center for Coastal Marine Sciences, which has a history of interdisciplinary, applied research to address a range of management issues for the Central Coast. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo works collaboratively with a variety of interest groups in the Morro Bay Area to promote and design effective environmental monitoring for offshore wind. The Morro Bay Wind Energy Area covers 376 square miles across three wind lease areas.

"It will be essential that any offshore wind energy projects are developed in environmentally and socially responsible ways," says Benjamin Ruttenberg, director of the Center of Coastal Marine Sciences. "While many of the key issues are common across regions, some will be area-specific. The diverse expertise across the POWC institutions, along with their deep understanding of local communities and regional environmental issues, makes this group extremely well-qualified to be a neutral and trusted source to generate and summarize scientific information that can inform and guide the conversations about whether and how to deploy offshore wind."

The Pacific Marine Energy Center (PMEC) at Oregon State University brings over 15 years of experience investigating the technical, environmental, and social dimensions of offshore energy and expanding scientific understanding, engaging stakeholders, and educating students. The Hatfield Marine Science Center at OSU serves as a hub for research on potential ecological effects of offshore renewable energy, while the PacWave test site demonstrates in-water activities and potential issues associated with offshore energy projects, such as seabed surveys, cable laying, construction and operational noise and electromagnetic fields (EMF). PMEC also conducts significant hydrodynamic and aerodynamic studies of offshore wind platforms at the Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory. The State of Oregon is now considering how offshore wind could be incorporated with the environment, existing ocean uses, cultures and communities, as lease sales for offshore floating wind sites are expected in fall 2024.

"This consortium will leverage the experience and expertise of the three partner universities and provide consistency of approach to evaluation of offshore wind along the West Coast," says Sarah Henkel, associate director of the Pacific Marine Energy Center at OSU. "We are excited that through this consortium we will have additional support to engage with our local communities, continue our regional ecological investigations, focus on development of next generation platform design, as well as collaborate and share findings to build a comprehensive understanding of outcomes related to potential offshore wind deployment."



POWC Advisory Committee

The POWC will support interdisciplinary understanding across academia, industry, agencies, community organizations, and Tribal Nations. This breadth is reflected in the consortium's Advisory Committee, which recently convened for its inaugural meeting. As a non-governing committee, the advisory group will provide guidance and advance discussion and collaboration in the offshore wind space.

Founding members include representatives from Tribal Nations: the Hon. Jason Ramos and Heidi Moore-Guynup, Blue Lake Rancheria; Linnea Jackson, Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District; and Michael Gerace, the Hon. Lana McCovey and the Hon. Philip Williams, Yurok Tribe. State agencies: Jenn Eckerle and Justine Kimball, California Natural Resources Agency / California Ocean Protection Council; Katerina Robinson and Jessica Eckdish, California Energy Commission; Andy Lanier, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development; and Jason Sierman.

Oregon Department of Energy; Federal labs, agencies and Sea Grant partnerships: Alicia Mahon, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Karina Nielsen, Oregon Sea Grant; Shauna Oh, California Sea Grant and Scripps Institution of Oceanography; and Eric P. Bjorkstedt, NOAA Fisheries, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Ecosystem Science Division and Department of Fisheries Biology, Cal Poly Humboldt.

Philanthropy: Curtis Seymour, AC Strategies; and the Offshore wind industry: Ciara Emery and Joel Southall, RWE Offshore Wind Holdings, LLC; and Laura Nagy and Erik Peckar, Vineyard Offshore.

"The Blue Lake Rancheria recognises the urgency of the climate crisis and intends to leverage their knowledge and resources to continue to advance clean energy innovations," says Heidi Moore-Guynup, director of Tribal and Government Affairs at the Blue Lake Rancheria (BLR). "At the same time, BLR understands the imperative need to coordinate scientific inquiry and research and believes that Traditional Ecological Knowledge must be part of such inquiry. BLR is honored to serve on the POWC advisory committee and looks forward to uplifting the findings of this consortium."

"Oregon Sea Grant understands the broad spectrum of challenges and opportunities that floating offshore wind energy brings to the US West Coast. There is a clear and urgent need for regional integration of science and knowledge across many disciplines to enable responsible development of offshore wind energy," said Karina Nielsen, director of Oregon Sea Grant. "We look forward to partnering with POWC, our sister Sea Grant programs in California and Washington, the National Sea Grant Offshore Wind Energy Liaison, and other partners to support co-developed research and community education to help our coastal communities and marine ecosystems thrive."

POWC funding

Over $12 million in current grant funding, primarily from state and federal agencies, supports offshore renewables research and project work at the three centers. Additionally, the POWC itself has received commitments for $1.6 million in starting funds from private donors and industry.

"Growing an offshore wind industry that's responsible, equitable and inclusive requires sustained commitments and deep collaboration," said Alicia Barton, CEO of Vineyard Offshore. "We are delighted to support and participate in the new Pacific Offshore Wind Consortium. Anchored by three world-class research institutions, the Consortium will foster meaningful engagement, research and collaboration within the West Coast offshore wind industry. Our partnership in this effort reinforces Vineyard Offshore's dedication to enhancing opportunities for Tribal Nations, underserved communities, and local businesses while preparing students and others for careers in this burgeoning field."

"We're proud to be supporting the world-class research of Cal Poly Humboldt, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Oregon State University and to contribute to an effort that meets the needs of the Humboldt region," said Sam Eaton, CEO of RWE US Offshore Wind Holdings. "Community engagement is a core principle of RWE's approach to developing offshore wind projects, including our Canopy Offshore Wind project off of Northern California. The Humboldt community will help us shape this project as well as the future of offshore wind on the Pacific Coast. Offshore wind will play an essential role in our clean energy future, job creation and local economic development and the Pacific Offshore Wind Consortium's work will provide valuable insights into the responsible development of this renewable resource."

Contacts

For more information on the POWC and to receive updates, please visit powc.us or contact *info@powc.us*.

For more information about the three centers and their research programs, visit:

Schatz Energy Research Center at Cal Poly Humboldt: *schatzenergy.org*

Center for Coastal Marine Sciences: *marine.calpoly.edu*

Pacific Marine Energy Center: *pmec.us*

Grant from HAF and WRCF provides $4,200 for microgrid ed, outreach, study

Redwood Coast Energy Authority

EUREKA – Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) was selected to receive a $4,200 grant from the Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation to fund education, outreach and research at the Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid located at the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport.

Grant-funded activities will advance RCEA's goal to support workforce development for individuals interested in careers in the renewable energy sector. Grant activities will include programs and site visits to prepare and encourage students to enter the clean energy sector and will further expand on research done with Cal Poly Humboldt through 2024.

The grant will allow the microgrid site to become an educational resource for exploring dual-use concepts, such as combining agriculture and solar energy generation on a single site ("agrivoltics").

These research projects will explore the possibility of other dual-use programs at other Humboldt County sites, assess how to help reduce vegetation management costs for renewable energy sites, and serve as an example for future renewable energy project designs in the county.

About Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid

The Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid (RCAM) is a locally owned, renewable energy facility at our regional airport. It serves as a modern cornerstone for a healthier, more resilient and energy-independent community.

The Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid was designed to provide energy resilience for the regional airport and U.S. Coast Guard Air Station during power outages, and electricity to the RCEA's customers while the electric grid is operating normally.

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OBITUARY

Jamie Lionel Wax

Hey, What's Happening?

June 29, 1968 – March 18, 2024



The volunteer bluff supervisor was finally called home March 18, 2024, by his loving wife Fiona, whom he missed so much every day. While most folks in Trinidad saw Jamie as a watcher of life going by, in the office with the most beautiful view on the West Coast, he was so much more.

Born to Dianne Wilson on June 29, 1968, and adopted the next day by Richard and Laurie Wax, Jamie spent his younger years in Southern California, moving to Humboldt County in 1988 to attend College of the Redwoods to study photography. His most recent pursuit landed him as the Trinidad "town therapist," as well as keeping an eye out on the crab fleet. Jamie always had time to listen to his many "walk-up clients," as well as working the phone for his longtime friends and "patients." Some people mistakenly thought Jamie was homeless, which couldn't have been further from the truth. He owned a beautiful home just outside of town with a park-like yard that he had always kept up for Fiona.

Jamie grew up in Malibu with his sister Jessica. At 6 feet, 5 inches tall to Jessica's 5-foot, 1-inch frame, Jamie was quick to point out that he was adopted. But in typical Jamie fashion he used this to his advantage, often teasing Jessica that he was the chosen one while she was merely an accident. It was in Malibu that Jamie made his first life-long friend, Tony, who coincidentally was also adopted. Together they pursued fishing, surfing, motorcycle riding and all other late '70s Southern California beach fun.

In the late '80s, when Jamie was documenting the beaches and surfing with his black and white film career, he met his future brother-in-law, Dave. They both lived in Greenwood Heights in Kneeland, and a 35-year friendship was born. To be on Jamie's call list was an honor most of the time, unless he wanted to mess with you and start the calls before 5 a.m. I was always up early, so a pre-6 a.m. call was a staple for the next 30 years.

"Hey, what's happening?"

A listen to the weather radio in the early morning was the key to which activity would be attempted that day. Surfing anywhere from Point Arena to Port Orford, mushroom hunting, fishing, or firewood cutting out east were all options.

Being 6 feet, 5 and an accomplished surfer, Jamie had no problem meeting lifelong surf buddies, such as Jack, Paul, Berto and Caputo, just to name a very few. He also had a lot of fun riding motorcycles with his younger neighbor Steve and his cerebral friend Karl, as well as Warren and Ron, after he moved to Blue Lake.

Jamie's next stop in the county was up Brannon Mountain, Willow Creek. This is where he picked up his best dog, Pepsi, and funny associate Rue. Jamie, girlfriend Exene, Pepsi and Rue all lived together at an epic house with an inground pool and a flawless garden around the pool. Jamie made lifelong friends on Brannon Mountain, the likes of which included Lionel Lee and Bill and Suzie McKelvey, as well as the McKelvey's boys, Luke, Travis and Jake. (Jake also spent many days on the bluff with Jamie, as well as being on the call list.) It was Jamie's break up with Exene that led him to start smoking cigarettes, which was shocking to all his friends and at 25 years old was a hard habit to start after being so fervently anti-cigarette before.

The Brannon Mountain days were the most adventurous for Jamie, with day-long three-wheeler rides and barbecues out in the upper Three Creeks and Buck Buttes areas. A lot more firewood cutting and fishing ensued. Canoeing on the river replaced surfing and many overnighters on the South Fork of the Trinity River were had. Trips out to the Pit River and Eagle Lake in the winter scored him some epic fish. Like the bluff in Trinidad, the Big Rock area along the Trinity became his daily hangout to catch up on stories and give advice.

Jamie had been on Brannon Mountain for some time when an opportunity came up to work at his dad's place in St. Helena. This is where he met his comrade, Tommy. Jamie and Tommy became fast friends and were responsible for maintaining the 23 acres around the massive St. Helena estate. After several months of landscaping Jamie started attending helicopter pilot school. According to Jamie, flying a helicopter was the best roller coaster ride of your life, with you controlling the intensity. Through a series of unique circumstances, Jamie found himself moving to several different cities in Southern California, where his occupation changed to nursery warehouse delivery driver. He rented a room from a cousin and spent most of his off-time perch fishing near Ventura. This is where he met the love of his life, Fiona. Pre-cell phone, we still had the daily call, usually before 5:45 a.m. with the first quart of coffee, and an evening call around 7 p.m. This continued until the fortunate day he was able to move himself and Fiona to his beloved Humboldt County.

Back in Arcata, Jamie was able to introduce Fiona to his nephews, Pierce and Behren, and a multitude of friends. Jamie and Fiona were married in Dave and Jessica's yard in Westhaven. This new happiness consisted of construction work in Willow Creek as well as getting back into the local industry. Building decks, greenhouses, and teaching Fiona how to trim, they both were able to work together for several years.

Hina, Fiona's niece, visited from Hong Kong about this time, learning English from Uncle Jamie. One of Jamie's most lasting impressions on his nephew Pierce was his consumption of "nasty ice." Three-year-old Pierce insisted on carrying a full "nasty ice" can everywhere he went. Unfortunately, the aluminum can would weaken over time, and Jessica had to clean up many blown-out Natty Ice cans at play groups, day cares, preschools, and markets. This was at the same time life turned dark when Fiona was diagnosed with a severe illness.

Over the course of seven years Jamie was there for Fiona as she navigated the harsh reality of our healthcare system. During this time Jamie's mom Laurie was also fighting a chronic disease. Like a one-two punch Jamie lost his mom and then his wife. After this Jamie told me he "lost his spark and passion for life." I, along with his buddies Joey and Kyle, got him out fishing and had wonderful days of limits on all species.

But slowly Jamie even lost his passion for fishing. This is when Jamie decided to take on the responsibility of bluff supervisor. Early morning calls worked better from the bluff than the empty front porch at home. Now his official office, the early morning calls starting with "Hey, what's happening?" almost always started the day with me or "Deli John" competing to be first in line. What I wouldn't give for one more "Hey, what's happening?"

On the bluff he garnered an ever-increasing audience for some beneficial therapy. He was a giant of a man with a heart that matched, dispensing advice, sometimes uncomfortable, delivered from the front seat of his black Toyota with the American flag on the antennae. Looked out for by so many in the community: Dorothy and Danny, Ed, Tyler, Jimmy, "Deputy Diane," Mark and Lori Chester, as well as half the town.

You left us too soon and suddenly, Jamie. I know I'll see you on the other side when I hear "Hey, what's happening?" followed by the cloud and swell report.

Some 200 people gathered at the Trinidad bluff on March 23 to pay tribute to Jamie. Another memorial service will be held sometime this summer.

Jamie was preceded in death by his mother Laurie, wife Fiona, Grandpa Morty, as well as Pepsi, Rue and Rue #2.

He is survived by his father Richard (Hildegard) Wax, sister Jessica Slamkowski, brother-in-law David Slamkowski, nephews Pierce and Behren, niece Hina, birth mother Diane Wilson, two aunts and several cousins on the East Coast.

Arrangements through Ayers Family Cremation.

A hopping hotbed of fun festivities



McKINLEYVILLE ❖ SENIOR CENTER
Scott W. Binder

It's almost June, and we are busy and active at the center as always! We're preparing for our annual Pony Express Days Open House, and Rummage/Bake sale; we have all of our spring and summer crafts out, and are taking donations of items that we can use for our fundraiser.

If you have anything that you think that we could use in our sale, please drop them by the Center Wednesday through Friday, May 29 to 31, and thank you for your support!

Drop by and see us on Saturday, June 1, during the festivities in Pierson Park! We're also going to be holding a Christmas in July event, because Christmas once per year isn't enough! Keep an eye out for that on our social media.

Our twice-weekly SAIL Fitness class is hopping, with both of our instructors, Burl Berlogar and Mary Zinselmeir, keeping busy helping our participants stay fit and strong. Many stay for the second hour, when Nancy Haley conducts her Tai Chi class. Our pinochle groups are consistently running five tables, and sometimes six!

Today at Monday Afternoon Cribbage, there was a cribbage table running, and a backgammon table as well... because we like to switch things up once in a while!

We're also always learning about how to better serve our local seniors, inviting guest presenters to our monthly business meetings. This month, we have Julie Andre from Area 1 Agency on Aging talking about their Home Share Program, which matches seniors with other suitable seniors for housing and support.

If you haven't visited us yet, please stop by and say hi to one (or more) of our friendly volunteer staff, and if you are age 55 and up, consider becoming a regular participant! We have a lot of fun and stay true to our motto: Sharing and Caring!



WORK IN PROGRESS **Fans of willing suspension of disbelief can take heart, maybe, that a boom lift and some safety cones have appeared near the newish, naked, as yet unactivated but still diabolical-looking cellular antenna tower on Foster Avenue on the Arcata Bottom. Approved in 2021 with a pastoral-looking faux water tank façade covering the transmitter, it is only recently that the Hootervillesque camouflage has made its way to the site, where it remains uninstalled. A source indicated that potentially costly soil stability problems at the site were delaying positioning of heavy equipment needed to finish the not-a-water-tank. Once installed, the elevated *pretend*-ervoir will join the fake-tree cell antenna on Bayview Street to serve and gently deceive local cell phone jabberers.** KLH | UNION

Spring and seed experimentation



❖ BIRD BRAINS
Louise Bacon-Ogden

It's spring. Flowers are blooming, trees sprouting new leaves and bird feeders emptying fast.

The birds are establishing nesting areas. I am preparing for the onslaught of fledglings at my feeders.

For this event, I have done a seed experiment. (I did this when I was mixing my own blends for my store. I also offered custom blends, requested by the customer.) This time, I had to test other company's seed blends. I wanted to find a decently priced supplemental mix at a closer location than Arcata.

I was disappointed with my choices as most had "fillers" (I call it "floor sweep"!). In the ingredients it is called "grain products." The most prevalent is sorghum or milo. It is a reddish round seed usually cast off by most feeder birds.

So, who eats it? Usually pigeons. But, of course, it is tempting to possums, rats, skunks, rats and other less than desirable critters. The inexpensive seed is full of milo and chaff. That includes bits and pieces of plants...like stems.

At this point, I'd looked at a dozen different brands and blend names. Birds love sunflower and despite it being the best seed to serve, "grain products" was often listed first. I scrutinized every bag and would not even buy them.

One bag touted "100 percent edible." Wouldn't you think!? However, it did not say by whom. From what I saw, I figured my local skunk would surely clean up the ground.

However, on my first trip out, I fell for dried mealworms and a special feeder. (I believe I wrote about this failed experience earlier.) So, finally, with no takers, I remembered the bag saying, "Chickens love them." I took a handful out and put them on the ground. No response. Instead, I continually shooed the "girls" away from stealing hulled sunflower.

Despite the claim, my chickens preferred the sunflower and only tried a few worms a bit later. After a while, they ate them.

I finally found a "No Waste" blend. It contained Hulled sunflower, white proso millet, cracked corn and no "grain products." The corn was suspect as I have no quails only chickens and some non-native doves. I hung the feeder in the "girls'" yard and it was not easy to see how much was thrown out. There truly was no waste.

Next I tried the "Deluxe Finch Mix." It was full of red millet, sunflower hearts, some nyjer and cracked corn. I was sure that the red millet would go uneaten as well as the corn.

Red and white millet are not the same (besides the color). I started making mixes with both red and white millet and got complaints from my customers. At home, I mostly served up the black-oil sunflower in the shell. The red millet is a bit smaller and a harder seed. If birds like the white, I used and served only white millet. *No* more red!

By now, I moved my experiment to the front porch. This way, I could instantly see results. And, sure enough, the red millet and corn were strewn about. I swept it up and hauled it to the chicken's yard. It did not go to waste. However, the seed disappeared very fast. I am guessing they can throw seed faster than they can eat it.

For my last, I chose a "Wild Bird Food." This bag contained oats (not on the chart showing which birds like which seeds) and milo. I believe it had a small amount of very little peanut pieces included. The chickadees may have found them. Lots of waste here that was swept up for my chickens.

I decided not to give product names from my research. The prices for 5 pound bags (size I used for my study) ranged from $12 to $17. It is a bit less in bigger bags. For 50 pounds, just do the math.

However, I decided to continue driving to Arcata to purchase 100 pounds of sunflower chips and pay over $100 per 50-pound bag. Locally, I fill my platform feeder with white proso millet (usually a 20-pound bag.)

You decide how and what to feed the birds. Do your own experiments. Shop around and bring a calculator.

Just feed the birds, it's all good in my book!

Happy Bird Feeding!

Opinion

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Sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and a city of origin, and add a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to *opinion@madriverunion.com*. That's it.

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Do us all a favor: drop the trending slogans and use your thinker

AHS drama, sports & support: a response

Curious about P. Givins' comments re: Sports Banquet I asked a friend with a student athlete at the school about the absence of students at the Sports Banquet. There was a straightforwards explanation: it's an event with alcohol, therefore minors don't participate. However, athletes did assist in setting it up.

In my experience, AHS student events take many forms. A quick inquiry to a participating student, parent, or staff member will garner a response. We had potlucks for Wrestlng Awards night, a catered dinner (by AHS Culinary) for ArMack, potluck with student assistance for FFA, donated refreshments for ArMack concerts and no doubt myriad other events I can't recall. There were a lot!

I am sure that if you contact the athletic director, answers: re bottom line can be provided.

In my experience as an educator, there are many women who coach sports. I did. I wasn't hired as a teacher because I could coach and/or act as club advisor, those were additional responsibilities. In the same way, I led Link Crew, Multicultural Club and organized drug and alcohol education evenings. I too have my concerns about the over emphasis on sports in American education, in contrast to other countries in which I have experience/professional knowledge.

However, without sports too many students wouldn't have access to higher education in the U.S. due to its exorbitant costs. These issues could monopolize a year of *Mad River Union's* Opinion pieces, but we wouldn't solve anything.

Perhaps other nations would be shocked by the cost of the Fine Arts Building (FAB) in comparison to the condition of Science classrooms. I am! Or the absence of modern foreign language classrooms in comparison with the technology of FAB? It takes a lot of adults to support all of the Fine Arts programs, even though they are behind the scenes. I know, because I attended board meetings, watched reports of the building process and read the bond documentation.

There are events at AHS to showcase "makers' programs," and a craft fair in December. These same students might also be athletes, musicians and FFA public speakers. Just as the current principal of AHS is a musician, former championship athlete and a scholar. I too am deeply concerned about the lack of science events in Humboldt County in comparison to my experience in San Diego, apart from the UK.

My efforts to encourage more opportunities haven't met with any interest; a deeply disappointing aspect of my K-12 experience in this county. In 1970s Derby, England, my science and foreign language classrooms were better equipped than those at AHS. My school was one of the "lowest" level and poorly funded in the nation.

As for the new principal of AHS. There aren't any applicants, with the job "open until filled" according to online updates. Those are words no educator or parent wishes to read in relation to their school. The outcome is usually the hasty appointment of an 'interim' from somewhere local. Parents send their children to other districts and seasoned teachers find employment elsewhere. There's a trend.

The current principal is a Stanford University graduate, a musician, an athlete and an outstanding lifelong classroom educator who championed new programs in past districts of employment too. Not to worry though, the "job is open until filled" while this wonderful "all round educator" who sends a letter every weekend to parents will leave AHS on June 30.

Perhaps P. Givins could email Mr. Perry to ask if he'd share past letters wherein the accomplishments of all students and staff are lauded; or check out the school website; or the Facebook pages of boardmembers and staff who proudly share student activities and accomplishments.

Sue Moore
Bayside

❖ LETTERS

Pragmatism, compromise are the only solutions

I am encouraged that President Biden appears to be moving toward the position of "honest broker" as regards the Gaza war. In the 75 years that the U.S. has been involved in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, the only other time we acted as an honest broker was during President Carter's tenure. Without the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt that Carter achieved, the situation today would be much worse.

I wish Americans were more inspired by that rare diplomatic triumph. Instead, we are embroiled in heated arguments among ourselves about the situation in Gaza. Many disputes are over semantics — "genocide" or not, "antisemitic" or not, etc. None of these arguments do any good because conflicts over words are conflicts over values, which are nearly impossible to resolve.

The core values in question mostly come from religion, morality and history. Disputes over values can endure for generations. My view is that it is time to pause arguments of this sort. Nobody has to forsake their values, but let's focus on ending the crisis and working on preventing a recurrence.

In my view, the worst basis for dealing with the situation is religion. "God gave this land to me" is not going to be a basis for peace when both sides believe it. Given the Constitution's separation of state and religion, it would be wrong for the U.S. to get involved in a religious war, except perhaps as impartial peacemaker.

Many people now condemn the bad behavior of one or both parties in the conflict as totally immoral. That's understandable. It's not wrong to recoil from the horrific violence; after all, that's what we want to stop now and prevent in the future. Most people would agree with the moral principle that it is wrong to kill children and other non-combatants. But in practice, each side thinks the other started it or they committed worse atrocities. Each side believes it is defending their people and providing for their security in the future; whatever it takes to do that seems morally defensible. We Americans have killed non-combatants in our wars, too, and used the same excuses.

The third values conflict is based on history. If you can find a moment in history when your ancestors lived in a place, does that make the territory yours today? Putin started the war against Ukraine over this kind of fractured-fairy-tale history. For Americans, especially, to support this sort of argument as the ultimate justification for Israelis' or Palestinians' claims is extremely hypocritical. As with religion and morality, arguments over historical origins can, and probably will, go on forever.

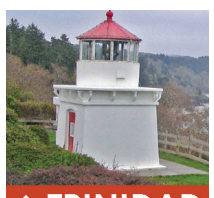
Nothing good can happen until the fighting is stopped and the very bad leadership on both sides is replaced. A very tall order, but assuming it can be done — then what? Peace-making efforts must focus on territory. Some find the slogan "from the river to the sea" outrageous — but both sides have made basically the same demand frequently over the years. The place to start is with a firm "no." Nobody gets all of it; it must be shared. People throw around the phrase "two-state solution," but very few take it seriously. Now is the time for all parties to embrace the idea. That is the first step toward peace.

After that, of course, deciding where to draw the boundaries is going to be very difficult. Historical, moral and religious arguments all will come into play in the boundary-making process. Which is fine, so long as all agree that the goal is to create state territories with fixed borders where people can live safely. The goal cannot be to please God, punish the wicked, or honor the ancestors, if we want peace.

If peace is the goal, we need a pragmatic approach to get there. Unlike religion, morality, or history, territory is finite, tangible and measurable. That makes compromises possible — you take that chunk, we'll take this chunk. Children understand this — why can't adults get it? To make territory the focus of peace-making would not eliminate conflict — far from it. But conflicts over territory are resolvable. It's time to start working on them.

Robert Argenbright
McKinleyville

Art Night, Memorial Ceremony, Artisans Market and lots of council action



❖ TRINIDAD TIDINGS
Patti Fleschner

Trinidad Art Night on Saturday, May 25 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (some times vary), will bring music, art, food, history and a congenial atmosphere all around Trinidad.

Jeff Stanley's acrylic land and seascapes will be on view at the Lighthouse Grill. At Saunders Plaza East, Barking Dogma, an eclectic avant garde band, will entertain outdoors, Lela Annotto Arts will paint faces and Headies Pizza and Pour will have Erica Brooks's plein aire, still life, portraits and drawings on view.

Trinidad Museum invites visitors to view five rooms of history, including the new "Orick Over Time" exhibit in the Photography Room. The Native Plant Garden, with its late spring abundance of blossoms, always is open.

Beachcomber Cafe will feature local surf artist "Sean Griggs" of Red Eye Labratories, live music and happy hour beer pints and limited food menu. Trinidad Civic Club's art pop-up shop in the Club Room, Town Hall, will have the work of Matt Dodge, Mara Friedman, Faye Zierer and prints by Zack Stanton, Kenneth Tinkham and Wendy Carney on view. A sensitive oil portrait of Jesus and a collection of crucifixes also will be featured. Proceeds from art sales benefit the Memorial Lighthouse Monument at the harbor (nearing completion!). Ponies of Harmony will entertain in the Town Hall.

Trinidad Art Gallery will highlight the work of Rachel Robinson and Howdy Emerson. JD Jeffries will perform guitar and vocals. Snacks and a wine pour will benefit the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust. Trinidad Bay Eatery and Gallery will feature artist Jimmy Callian, music, wine or cider tasting and oysters.

Moonstone Crossing features the art of Genise Smith with music from 6 to 7:30 p.m. by Sage on acoustic guitar and vocals (outdoors weather permitting). For the latest details on Trinidad Art Night, email Westhaven Center for the Arts organizer Jolianne Einem at *jeinem@sonic.net*.

Memorial Ceremony this Sunday, May 26

Trinidad Civic Club's 29th Annual Trinidad Memorial Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 26 at 2 p.m. at Trinidad Bay Memorial Park at Edwards and Trinity Streets.

The ceremony honors those who have been lost or buried at sea and includes bagpipe music, welcome by Dana Hope, TCC co-president, a flag raising ceremony and pledge of allegiance, an invocation, a song and poem, remarks from a United States Coast Guard member, bell ringing by Trinidad's mayor, reading of the memorial names, taps and a USCG helicopter flyover. Flowers compliments of Sun Valley Floral Farms.

The ceremony is approximately 45 minutes in length. No seating is available so bring a camp chair or blanket to sit on.

For information about the event, call (707) 677-3655 or go to *trinidadcivicclub.org*.

Trinidad Artisans Market

Penny Gunn's Artisans Market starts the spring-summer season of local crafts, food and music in the Murphy's Market parking lot on Sunday, May 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Artisans Market will continue each Sunday through the summer.

Trinidad City Council: important water discussion coming up Tuesday, May 28

Last week's City Council meeting included Council support and recognition of North Coast Lemonade Day on June 1 and approval of the Humboldt County Sheriff contract to provide law enforcement services to Trinidad. A deputy is shared with Blue Lake. Pleasing news was that the City overpaid for last year's services and that a $45,000 reimbursement would be forthcoming.

Memorial Program

Bagpipes	Matthew Marshall
Welcome	Dana Hope, Trinidad Civic Club Co-President
Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance	Girl Scouts, Redwood Service Unit
Invocation	The Rev. Nancy Streufert, Priest Associate St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Arcata
"Amazing Grace"	Samantha Day, Vocalist
Special Guest	Representative, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay
Eternal Father, Strong to Save	Patti Fleschner, Trinidad Civic Club Historian
Ringing of Trinidad Head	
Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage Bell	Trinidad Mayor Cheryl Kelly
Reading of Memorial Names	Janine Volkmar, Trinidad Civic Club Recording Secretary
Helicopter Flyover	U.S. Coast Guard Sector, Humboldt Bay
"Taps"	Matthew Brogdon, Saxophonist

City Clerk Gabriel Adams gave a report on adopting the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting and Review Procedures which, in a nut shell, allows the City to simplify hiring procedures when Town Hall or other improvement projects are proposed.

City staff has been obliged to spend an inordinate amount of time reporting to State and Federal agencies on construction projects. With the adoption of Ordinance 2024-01, Chapter 4 to Title 3 of the Trinidad Municipal Code, more informal bidding procedures for projects under $200,000 will be possible.

Water system operations and rates were on the agenda. The Coleman company of Sacramento, hired to monitor City water since T-3 and T-2 designated local overseers are not yet in place (City Manager Eli Naffah said that the public works department personnel may be certified soon while Mayor Cheryl Kelly suggested that advertising more widely for local water experts might be needed to save the city money.

Meanwhile, Samantha Ryan of the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (a non-profit organization associated with the United States Department of Agriculture) will present a program at the next City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 28 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall, to discuss water matters.

An increase in water rates also will be on the agenda. Mayor Kelly and audience member Aaron Hakenen stressed the importance of notifying the 325 City water users about attending this important meeting.

The water discussion may continue during the June 11 City Council meeting. Mayor Kelly said that a Water Advisory Committee meeting will be called soon.

In other city news, the City Clerk explained in detail the to-date City annual budget expenses and income. The City enjoys a reserve fund of approximately $2 million, however Clerk Gabriel Adams cautioned that this could be depleted quickly in an emergency.

It is possible that $300,000 will be needed to transfer from the reserve fund to the water fund. The adoption of the 2024-2025 budget will be take place at the June 11 council meeting.

Mayor Kelly reported on her attendance at the May 1 "Fee to Trust" transfer of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria harbor property celebration.

She said it was a "touching ceremony" and she was honored to attend and she lauded the Rancheria's pier and stormwater improvement projects especially.

The Tribal Council, Chairman Garth Sundberg and Supervisor Rex Bohn and other dignitaries attended the celebration as well. Fire Chief Shawn Worth's service agreement to be Volunteer Fire Chief was confirmed on the consent agenda.

The Community Yard Sale event on Saturday, June 8 was announced. The city manager reported that the Axel Lindgren Jr. Memorial Trial is expected to be open in July. Deputy Sheriff Josh McCall reported 148 calls for service in April and 152 call in March. The steps to Trinidad Head at the far south end of the Trinidad State Beach parking area are being improved.

The CERT emergency preparedness committee, with Larry Goldberg leading a recent meeting, will continue to post important information.

Prior to the public meeting, the council conferred with the city attorney on the existing litigation between Trinidad vs. Tsurai Ancestral, et. al, Humboldt County Super Court Case No. 180684 along with the City Manager Performance Evaluation. No information was shared about the closed session proceedings.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

SCENE





FOR THE GLORY The sculptures are tricky contraptions. They have to be human powered. They need to travel on roads, through sand and through mud. They also need to be able to cross water and float. To top it, they are works of art. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR

Kinetic Grand Championship this weekend

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HUMBOLDT – The Kinetic Grand Championship, dubbed the "Triathlon of the Art World," takes place Memorial Day weekend from Saturday, May 25. to Monday, May 27.

The race, started by sculptor Hobart Brown in 1969, covers 50 miles over land, sand, water and mud between Arcata and Ferndale. Dozens of teams are expected to compete and there are numerous opportunities for spectators to check out the shenanigans. Below is the schedule:

Saturday, May 25

9 a.m. to noon, Arcata Plaza – There will be pageantry and judging on the Plaza.

"Teams will enter the Plaza and subject themselves to Judging in categories like ACE worthiness, Safety, Art, Engineering, Pageantry and a "Brake Test" (Break Test?)," states the Kinetic Grand Championship website. "This part of the race is festive, flat/wheelchair accessible, crowded, kid friendly, and has porta-potties available as well as food vendors and restaurants."

At noon, The Goddess will set off the traditional siren, starting the Kinetic Swarm "LeMons Start."

Noon to 3 p.m., Manila Dunes Community Center – Racers will make their way along State Route 255 to Manila, stopping at the Manila Dunes Community Center for the Manila Dunes Kinetic Festival, which takes place from noon to 3 p.m. There will be live music, beer, food and kid-friendly events.

This is a great place for spectators, but is difficult for those using motor vehicles. There is no parking on the Manila Dunes Community Center and there is limited on-street parking in Manila.

"If you plan to make it to this one, please avoid driving on 255! Fewer cars on the race course between Arcata and Samoa means safer racers and spectators," states the Kinetic website. "If you're in a car, you can take 101 to Eureka, and come across the Samoa Bridges then up the course to Peninsula Drive instead of following the racers through Arcata.

The best way to get there is on bicycle. You can ride with the racers on Route 255.

1 p.m. 'til the last team passes, Dead Man's Drop – Teams will leave the Manila Dunes Community Center at 1 p.m. and take the trail west to the beach. Once there, they'll turn south and head down the coast for about a mile until they come to June's Dunes. The racers, in their sculptures, will climb up a 100-foot-tall dune, then drop down the other side.

There are no restrooms or other amenities in this area.

2 to 7 p.m., Halvorsen Park, Waterfront Drive, Eureka – After Dead Man's Drop, racers will cross the Samoa Bridge and end at Halvorsen Park in Eureka for a Finish Line Party. There will be food, drinks, music, vendors and circus arts.

7 to 11:30 p.m., Synapsis Nova, 1675 Union St., Eureka – Come to the Rutabaga Ball. "On this electrifying evening, the Rutabaga Royal Family will gather at Synapsis in Eureka to crown a new Queen in a spectacle like no other! From jaw-dropping talents to outrageous performances, this beloved annual tradition celebrates creativity and community," states the Kinetic website. Tickets are available online at bit.ly/2024GlitterBall.

Sunday, May 26

10:07 a.m. to noon, Wharfinger Public Boat Ramp – As the tide is shifting, racers will make their way along Waterfront Drive to the Wharfinger Public Boat Ramp.

10:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Water Crossing – Racers will enter the bay and make their way eastbound to the Samoa Boat Ramp under the Samoa Bridge.

11 a.m. to p.m., Eureka Natural Foods, 1450 Broadway St., Eureka – Teams eat lunch at Eureka Natural Foods, then head south on the Hikshari hiking and biking trail on their way to the Eel River Valley.

1:30 p.m. to 7:07 p.m., Eel River Road over Table Bluff – "Known in Kinetics as "Melvin's Mile," this is your last chance to see Kinetic Sculptures on the course for the day. Park on the opposite side of the road from the teams and give them some much needed GLORY!," states the Kinetic website.

Monday, May 24

1 p.m. 'til they all cross the line one way or another! Main Street at Brown Street in Ferndale – This is the Glorious Finish Line. "Some teams are racing to the last moment, trying to make the fastest time. Others are dragged across the Finish Line by their muddy, bloodied Pit Crew. They are all winners, but only one team will be named Kinetic Grand Champion!" states the kinetic website.

Local theatres score $70K

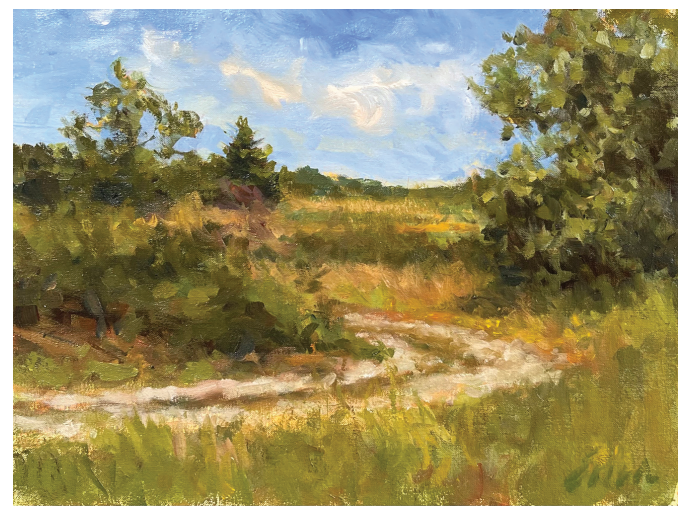
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ARCATA/EUREKA – Two local theatre organizations have received $70,000 in grant funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The news was shared in a press release last week by Representative Jared Huffman.

Playhouse Arts in Arcata received $40,000 to "support arts education workshops and artist residencies in rural schools."

The North Coast Repertory Theatre in Eureka received $30,000 to "support the development and North Coast Repertory Theatre's regional touring production of *Wusatoumuduk*, a new play in the Wiyot language.



FROM THE INSTRUCTOR ***Humboldt Bay Wildlife Refuge Path*** **by Erica Brooks.** SUBMITTED PHOTO

Landscape painting workshop

REDWOOD ART ASSOCIATION GALLERY

HUMBOLDT – Redwood Art Association Gallery is hosting an exciting landscape workshop with local oil painter Erica Brooks.

Students will paint landscapes on location at various Humboldt County locations – Trinidad State Beach, Blue Lake Hatchery, Moonstone Beach, Arcata Marsh and Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

In this course student's will explore contemporary and traditional approaches to landscape painting. Students will be exposed to a variety of landscape painters for inspiration on technique. An understanding of atmospheric perspective is essential to successful outcomes in this course

The class will focus on the effects of natural light in nature This course focuses on successful compositional outcomes Students will master quick studies on site and grasp the concept of painting in a two hour window to prevent chasing shadows.

This workshop will be held on the five Saturdays in June beginning June 1. Class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon .Location to be determined.

Tickets for Erica's workshop are $195 for RAA members and $245 for non members. For more information or to register go to *redwoodart.net* and click on Workshops



SIX RIVERS BREWERY **Get your Dead On Thursday, May 23 in McKinleyville.** PHOTO VIA DEAD ON FACEBOOK PAGE

LOW CLASS JAZZ performs Thursday, May 23 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Low Class Jazz i2s a newly formed six-piece jazz standards combo featuring local chanteuse Jo Kuzelka on vocals. Doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, *basementarcata.com*

JEFF LANDEN performs Thursday, May 23 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Local slide guitar virtuoso Jeff Landen shows off his broad repertoire. The show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, *loggerbar.com/events*

DEAD ON performs Thursday, May 23 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. A local semi-acoustic Grateful Dead tribute band including Marty Dodd, Norman Bradford, Rick Devol and Knick Moore. Show starts at 5 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, *sixriversbrewery.com*

WILD ABANDON performs Friday, May 24 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Blending folk rock roots with experimental indie guitar and intricate bass lines, the band has a rock 'n' roll feel with a poetic overtone. The show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, *loggerbar.com/events*

FRED AND WILMA performs Friday, May 24 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Fred and Wilma are Peggy Martinez and Jeff Kelley, sharing their mutual love for a diverse range of folk, rock, country and R&B with joy, finesse and energy. Show starts at 5:30 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, *sixriversbrewery.com*

NAZARETH performs Saturday, May 25 at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake. Scottish hard rock band Nazareth formed in 1968 and notched several best-selling albums and hit singles in the U.S and Europe in the 1970s, including *Hair of the Dog* and *Love Hurts*. The breadth of their popularity expanded internationally, and they have continued to record and tour internationally for more than 50 years. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $35 general and $75 reserved. (877) 252-2946, *bluelakecasino.com*

MAGNIFICENT SANCTUARY BAND performs Saturday, May 25 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Humboldt County's own Magnificent Sanctuary Band, celebrating the music of Jerry Garcia and the JGB, all in keeping the whole spirit of the Grateful Dead alive. For this pre-summer show, MSB plays the best of Jerry Garcia's "other" band with Merle Saunders, Martin Fierro, John Kahn and Ron Tutt from the mid-'70s. Doors open at 8:30 p.m, show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $10 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, *humbrews.com*



HUMBOLDT BREWERY **The Magnificent Sanctuary Band performs Saturday, May 25 at the Humboldt Brewery.** PHOTO VIA MSB FACEBOOK PAGE

FLYNN MARTIN performs Saturday, May 25 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Soulful and acoustic, local Humboldt County duo Flynn Martin play familiar favorites with passion. Show starts at 5 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, *sixriverbrewery.com*

AGENT ORANGE performs Sunday, May 26 at Rampart Indoor Skate Park at 700 South G St. in Arcata. Orange County-based punk/hardcore/surf pioneers Agent Orange are stronger than ever 40 years of recording and touring, and are making their second visit to Humboldt County in less than two years. A power trio, the band was founded by frontman and guitarist Mike Palm, who has remained the band's sole constant member. As of 2019, the band consists of Mike Palm, bassist Perry Giordano and drummer Sandy Hansen. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. All Ages. Tickets are $25 at the door. (707) 826-0675, *rampartskatepark.org*

SUGAR CANDY MOUNTAIN performs Monday, May 27 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Helping to spearhead a revival of neo-psychedelic pop, Oakland's Sugar Candy Mountain fuses sunny, retro sounds with lush, sophisticated composition. Blending classic ' 60s West Coast psychedelia with pastoral folk and pulling inspiration from pop experimentalists and Brazilian Tropicalia, their latest album *Do Right* takes a more modern approach layering vibrant synths alongside more organic instrumentation. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $17 in advance or $20 at the door. (707) 630-5000, *richardsgoat.com*

COMING UP:

- Chris Pureka at Richard's Goat, Wednesday, May 29, 7 p.m.
- Rooster McClintock at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, May 31, 8 p.m.
- Earl Thomas with the Anthony Cullins Band at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, June 14, 8 p.m.
- Quinctron and Miss Pussycat at Richard's Goat, Wednesday, June 19, 8 p.m.
- Southern Avenue at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, June 21, 8 p.m.
- Josh Turner at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, Friday, July 19, 8 p.m.

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THE McKINLEYVILLE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE meets today, May 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at McKinleyville Middle School, 2285 Central Ave., in McKinleyville. The meeting room is located at the rear of the campus in a portable building. The meeting will also be held on Zoom. The meeting ID is 844 4994 7337. The passcode is 043757. The county committee will hear a report from Public Works Director Tom Mattson on the state of county roads. Bonnie Oliver and Byrd Lochtie will give a presentation about the League of Women Voters. Kelsey Martin of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities will give a presentation on something called "street story." The committee will consider sending a letter of support for grant funding for the new McKinleyville Community Forest. The committee will discuss its budget request to the county for the coming fiscal year. The committee will also hear a variety of reports on public safety and other issues. Tentative items for future agendas include "Presentation from McKinleyville Family Resource Center, Presentation from MCSD on expanded recreation opportunities, Updates on Town Center process (EIR, etc.), CERT and Disaster Preparedness."

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00269
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
DECK THE HALLS
2186 STATE HIGHWAY 96
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
P.O. BOX 663
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
LISA D. ROBERTS
P.O. BOX 663
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/LISA ROBERTS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 8, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
5/15, 5/22, 5/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00251
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MATCH STRIKE DESIGN
3370 CHURCH STREET
FORTUNA, CA 95540
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
JESSICA C. CARENCO
3370 CHURCH STREET
FORTUNA, CA 95540
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/JESSICA CARENCO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 6, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
5/15, 5/22, 5/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00242
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VIP PETCARE
1135 N. MCDOWELL BLVD.
PETALUMA, C A94954
COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMUNITY VETERINARY CLINICS, LLC
DE 201422710114
230 E. RIVERSIDE DR.
EAGLE, ID 83616
This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
S/JEFF CAYWOOD, SECRETARY OF PETIQ, LLC, ITS MEMBER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 2, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00243
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LEIDOS QTC HEALTH SERVICES
3798 JANES ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
QTC MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.
CALIFORNIA 2376833
924 OVERLAND COURT
SAN DIMAS, CA 91773
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
S/HENRIQUE BERTOLO CANARIM, SECRETARY
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 2, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
5/15, 5/22, 5/2, 6/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00221
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TRUE TREE SERVICE
2351 WESTWOOD CT. APT. #A2
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
JACOB HODGE
1928 CENTRAL AVE. #160
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/JACOB HODGE OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 23, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SC/DEPUTY CLERK
5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00222
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
U.S. LENDING COMPANY
3106 SCHOOL ST.
FORTUNA, CA 95540
3000 LAVA RIDE CT. #200
ROSEVILLE, CA 95661
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
AMERICAN PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
CA 1963109
3000 LAVA RIDE CT. #200
ROSEVILLE, CA 95661
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
S/EDMUND "NED" PAYANT CEO
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 23, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
JASON LEE ROCHA
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2400610
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **JASON LEE ROCHA**
to Proposed name**: JASON LEE MURRAY**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: June 17, 2024
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: APRIL 16, 2024
Timothy A. Canning.
Judge of the Superior Court
5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PHYLLIS DOREY
CASE NO.: PR2400098
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
PHYLLIS DOREY
A Petition for Probate has been filed by RICHARD DOREY in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: RICHARD DOREY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: June 6, 2024
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
RICHARD DOREY
3155 OREGON ST.
EUREKA, CA 95503
5/8, 5/15, 5/22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 28th day of May, 2024 at 10 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which is currently located at Arcata Bay Self Storage, 250 E Street Arcata, CA. Most storage units contain miscellaneous personal property, clothing, furnishings and household goods. In addition, the following units contain:
John Perdaris – boxes, bags, various equipment
The Auctioneer will be Kerry Rasmussen, Bond #7900364465, phone #707-822-0331. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All purchased items sold "as is" and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the settlement between owner and obligated party, auctioneer, and Arcata Bay Self Storage.
5/15, 5/22

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICAL)
CASE NUMBER:CV2400654
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: MARK DAVID MILBRANDT, and Does 1 to 50, inclusive.
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): RUSSELL WAHLUND, SANDI WAHLUND, AND SUSAN DIMMICK
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de $10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.
The name and address of the court is ((El nombre y dirección de la corte es):
Humboldt Superior Court
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Dustin E. Owens
244173
Owens & Ross
1118 Sixth St.,
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 441-1185
Meara Hattan, Clerk
Deputy, Zack N..
Date: April 5, 2024
5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
MELINDA KATHERINE SULLIVAN
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2400894
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **MELINDA KATHERINE SULLIVAN**
to Proposed name**: MELINDA NOVA SILVA**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: July 12, 2024
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: May 9, 2024
Timothy A. Canning.
Judge of the Superior Court
5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
Case Name: Titan Nelson
Case No. JV2400022
1. To: Meghan Wyatt., and anyone claiming to be a parent of Titan Nelson, born on 02/27/2024, at Providence-St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, CA.
2. A hearing will be held on August 14, 2024, at 8:31 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
ATTORNEY FOR:
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695
VINCENT UBERTI, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #286854
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 445-7236
DATE: May 13, 2024
Meara Hatten, CEO, Clerk, by Vickie I., Deputy
5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12

NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT TO THE ARCATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Be advised that the Arcata Elementary School District Board of Trustees, pursuant to California Education Code section 5091, provisionally appointed Anthony Bledsoe to serve until the next regularly scheduled election, replacing Trustee Delaney Rice who resigned effective February 12, 2024. This appointment was made on May 13, 2024 at the Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting.
Unless a petition bearing a sufficient number of signatures of the registered voters of the Arcata Elementary School District calling for a special election pursuant to California Education Code section 5091 is filed with the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools (901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501) within 30 days of the provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment until the next regularly scheduled election for school district governing board members.
ARCATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Luke Biesecker
Superintendent
POSTED: 5/16/2024
5/22

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1568
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on May 15, 2024, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1568, summarized below, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code, Title IV—Business Professions and Trades, Chapter 6—Mobilehome Park Regulations, Article 1—General Provisions, Section 6920.24—Rent Stabilization Administration—Fees. Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1568 was passed by the following voice vote: AYES: Matthews, Stillman, Atkins-Salazar, White. NOES: None. ABSENT: Schaefer. ABSTENTIONS: None.
Rhea Varley, City Clerk, City of Arcata
Summary of Ordinance No. 1568
If adopted, this ordinance will remove the requirement for a $10 minimum administration fee per space per month for mobilehomes in parks within the City of Arcata City Limits. The ordinance will specify the administration fee will be set by the City's Master Fee Schedule, which is adopted annually by resolution. This change will allow the City Council to reduce the fee to $5 per space per month as identified in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Master Fee Schedule.
The full text of Ordinance No. 1568 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1568 may be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Arcata City Council to be held on June 5, 2024, and, if adopted at that time, will take effect July 5, 2024. Dated: May 15, 2024.
Rhea Varley, City Clerk, City of Arcata
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF ARCATA CITY COUNCIL
Arcata General Plan Comprehensive Update and Gateway Code
Wednesday June 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the Arcata City Council Chambers, at 736 F Street, Arcata.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Arcata will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday June 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Arcata City Council Chambers, at 736 F Street, Arcata to consider a formal recommendation to the City Council to adopt a comprehensive update to the General Plan and a new Gateway Zoning Code. The City Council is holding hybrid meetings that allow attendance in person or via Zoom (see information below for zoom attendance).
Project Description: The City is preparing an update of its General Plan, including a new Element, the "Gateway Area Plan," and a Gateway Code, a zoning ordinance to implement the Gateway Area Plan. The Gateway Area Plan will provide additional specificity within the Gateway Area, which is an approximately 138-acre area entirely within City limits that is generally north of Samoa Blvd, west of K Street, and south of Alliance Rd. A portion of the Gateway Area and City's Planning Area are located in the coastal zone. The project includes changes to land use designations throughout the City, changes in standards that emphasize infill, and enhancement of environmental protection measures. The General Plan update, Gateway Area Plan and zoning updates are collectively the "Project."
The Project will update and amend the City's existing General Plan, including a new General Plan Element (the Gateway Area Plan) to encourage infill development in the Arcata Gateway Area, in accordance with State Bill (SB) 375 and California Government Code (CGC) Section 65302. Together these documents will be called the "Arcata General Plan 2045." The Arcata General Plan 2045 seeks to build upon but not substantially change the vision established in the Arcata 2020 General Plan (adopted in the year 2000). The Arcata General Plan 2045 will also update the goals, policies, and implementation programs that articulate the vision for the City's long-term physical and economic development, while preserving open space areas and enhancing the quality of life for Arcata residents. The Arcata General Plan 2045 is anticipated to be adopted in early 2024.
As a part of this Project, all existing General Plan Elements (other than the Housing Element) will receive focused updates to:
• Satisfy modern State mandates for General Plans that have been issued since the General Plan was last updated;
• Re-emphasize infill development to preserve greenbelts around the City;
• Adjust to climate-change and promote sustainability;
• Promote social justice and racial equity;
• Amend inconsistencies; and
• Ensure consistency and compliance with other City plans that have been adopted or revised in recent years, such as the 2019 Housing Element.
California Government Code, Section 65302, subdivision. (h)(1) requires an Environmental Justice element in the General Plans of certain communities. Arcata does not meet the thresholds for such an Element to be required because the City does not contain any Disadvantaged Communities as identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency Pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code. Instead, the City is electing to reflect social justice and racial equity values in all Elements of the General Plan. Since the Housing Element was updated and adopted in late 2019, the Housing Element will not be modified as a part of this Project.
In addition to the minor updates outlined above, the following General Plan Elements will receive additional, more comprehensive updates to accommodate more targeted infill policies and ensure consistency with the Gateway Area Plan:
• Land Use (modifications to land use map and development standards)
• Transportation and Circulation (modifications to proposed circulation systems)
• Public Facilities and Infrastructure (modifications to support utility upgrades in priority development areas)
• Parks and Recreation (replace existing adopted Element with the 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which will serve as the new Parks and Recreation Element)
Accordingly, the following summarizes the anticipated degree of changes for each Element:
New Element - Gateway Area Plan;
Minor updates and consistency updates - Introduction, Vision, Growth Management, Open Space Element, Resource Conservation and Management, Air Quality, Design, Historical Preservation, Public Safety, Noise;
Comprehensive updates - Land Use, Transportation and Circulation, Public Facilities and Infrastructure , Parks and Recreation;
No change - Housing Element
Action Type: General Plan and Zoning Amendment
Location: Citywide
Coastal Status: Portions of the project are located in the Coastal Zone. The City will take subsequent action to amend the Local Coastal Program in the affected areas.
Environmental: The project is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared and circulated in accordance to the CEQA Guidelines. The Draft EIR circulation period, during which time public comment was received, ended on March 18, 2024. Comments received within the circulation period are included in the Final EIR, along with responses to those comments.
Anticipated Significant Environmental Impacts: The DEIR identifies significant impacts to the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental issue areas: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, noise.
As described in the DEIR, many of these impacts can be fully mitigated, but some cannot. The Project would result in significant unavoidable impacts to air quality and cultural resources. All other impacts can be fully mitigated to a less-than-significant impact.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the information regarding the proposed project and environmental determination may be reviewed on the City's website: https://www.cityofarcata.org/896/Strategic-Infill-Redevelopment-Program; at the Community Development Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; or by phone: 707-822-5955. Contact person: David Loya, Community Development Director.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council will consider public comment, and the entire public record on the project, prior to making its recommendation to the Council.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to §1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, "If you challenge City action on a proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body at, or prior to, the public hearing(s)."
HOW TO OBSERVE AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING
Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person or participate online. See the agenda for the Zoom link and dial-in number which will be released at least 72 hours before the meeting is held. Go to www.cityofarcata.org and click on "See Live Meetings, Agendas & Archives." Select "City Council" from the Meeting Group list and click on the link to the meeting agenda you would like to view. Requests for accessible meeting accommodation should be made in advance by contacting the City Clerk at 707-822-5953.
HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT
Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person to give their comment, or before the meeting by sending an email to dloya@cityofarcata.org. Emailed comments WILL NOT be read during the meeting. They will be forwarded to the City Councilmembers and included in the written record of the meeting.
Publish by: May 22, 2024; minimum 1/8-page publication.
Posted on: May 15, 2024
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❖ ARCATA MARSH & WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center 'desperate' for volunteer staffing

Friends of the Marsh

ARCATA MARSH – The Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center (AMIC) is in desperate need of weekend volunteers to keep the center open.

Shifts are four hours (9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays), with tasks including welcoming visitors, ringing up bookstore purchases and answering questions.

To become a City of Arcata volunteer, you must be at least 18 years old, complete paperwork, and be fingerprinted (at no charge through Arcata Police).

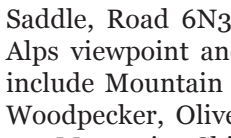
City staff will schedule one-on-one training with you about how to open and close the facility.

For more information, call (707) 826-2359 or e-mail *amic@cityofarcata.org*.

The marsh is a major attraction for locals and out-of-towners alike, so it's important that AMIC not be shuttered, especially during busy summer months.

LEARN HOW THE MARSH WORKS Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, May 25. Meet leader Renshin Bunce at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on Marsh history: the fact that it's a restored wetland, the importance of wetlands to the planet, the history of the wastewater treatment plant and how we see the marsh doing the cleanup of the liquids. She also will name and talk about plants and birds seen along the walk. (707) 826-2359

BRING YOUR BINOCULARS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, May 25 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Bill Rodstrom at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for easy-to-walk trails. As Spring arrives, many resident birds may be singing, nesting and showing signs of breeding activity. Shorebirds will likely be abundant, so we'll focus our attention on willets, godwits, sanderlings, avocets and curlews in tidal areas, the pond islands and mud around the marsh.



WIGI WETLAND WORKDAY Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, May 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. for a Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday. Help create bird-friendly native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash. The trail section is located behind the Bayshore Mall and volunteers will meet in the parking lot directly behind Walmart. We will provide tools, gloves and packaged snacks. Please bring your drinking water. Contact Jeremy Cashen at *jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com* or (214) 605-7368.

WIGI WETLAND WORKDAY Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society for a Southern Humboldt birding walk on Saturday, May 25. This walk includes 2 to 3 miles of gentle walking through riparian, grassland and mixed hardwood forests with bird species varying by season. Year-round residents we may observe include jays, towhees, woodpeckers and several raptor species. Meet at the Tooby Park parking lot located 1 mile west of Garberville on Sprowl Creek Road. This trip occurs on the fourth Saturday of every month, generally starts around 8:30 a.m. and the leaders vary by month. Call Ann at (707) 296-8720 for the correct start time or with any other questions.

HORSE MOUNTAIN BIRDING TOUR Join Redwood Region Audubon Society and trip leader, Ken Burton, for a birding tour of Horse/Grouse Mountain on Sunday, May 27. This is Humboldt's premier montane birding destination! We'll visit sites such as Horse Mountain Saddle, Road 6N38, Meteor Hill, Clear Lake, Trinity Alps viewpoint and Grouse Mountain. Target species include Mountain Quail, Sooty Grouse, White-headed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Mountain Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Townsend's Solitaire, Chipping Sparrow, Green-tailed Towhee and Nashville Warbler. Meet Ken on Valley West Boulevard in front of Pepper's Arcata at 7:30 a.m. or the bottom of Titlow Hill Road at 8:15 a.m. Please be prepared to carpool and bring water and snacks for this all-day trip.





City of Eureka

EUREKA – Voting is now open for the Best Aerial Adventure Park in the country in the 2024 *USA Today* 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest.

Last year your votes helped crown the Redwood Sky Walk as the "Best Aerial Adventure Park" and we don't want to lose the title!

The *USA Today* 10Best program provides readers with recommendations on top attractions, things to see and do and restaurants throughout the country. Editors and relevant expert contributors nominate 20 places for each category and then ask their readers to vote for the top 10.

For the second year in a row, the best aerial adventure park category featured The Redwood Sky Walk at Sequoia Park Zoo.

If Eureka wins the top attraction, *USA Today's* Travel Media Group will feature the Redwood Sky Walk on all their digital and mobile products, as well as social media platforms, reaching their established global audience of more than 66 million readers.

The Redwood Sky Walk at Sequoia Park Zoo is a self-guided interpretive experience designed to educate, inspire, and delight. Visitors to the Sequoia Park Zoo can visit the Redwood Sky Walk to learn about the rich hidden ecology of California Coastal Redwoods, the world's tallest trees, from an entirely new perspective.

As the longest sky walk in the western United States, the Redwood Sky Walk is just under a quarter mile to the end and back and reaches heights as much as 100 feet above the forest floor.

The Redwood Sky Walk is ADA accessible and rises approximately one-third of the way up the old and second growth trees in the City of Eureka's historic Sequoia Park. Admission to the Redwood Sky Walk is included in the price of admission to the Sequoia Park Zoo and no special reservations are required.

USA Today 10Best readers can vote on their favorites, once per day, until ballots close on Monday, May 27 at 8:59 a.m. The winners, determined by votes from *USA Today* 10Best readers, will be announced on Wednesday, June 5 at 9 a.m.

Cast your vote for the Redwood Sky Walk at *10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-aerial-adventure-park-2024/the- redwood-sky-walk-eureka-california/*.

Climate Action Plan Survey awaits your input

County of Humboldt

HUMBOLDT – If you are interested in sharing your input on local climate initiatives, please consider taking Humboldt County's Climate Action Plan Survey.

The County of Humboldt continues to work in partnership with incorporated cities and other local agencies to release an updated draft Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP).

The purpose of the CAP is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout Humboldt County.

The draft plan examines strategies focused on reducing emissions from vehicle travel, electricity use, natural gas consumption and other sources of greenhouse gases at the local level.

The County of Humboldt's Planning & Building Department wants to know which strategies in the draft CAP are most important to the community.

Information collected in the CAP Survey will help the county and cities to decide where to focus local efforts and resources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Humboldt region. Findings gathered will also inform the draft CAP, which is anticipated to be released to the public for review in July 2024.

The survey is available at *humboldtgov.org/ClimateActionPlan* until Wednesday, May 29. All interested community members are invited to participate.

For more information and background on the draft Regional Climate Action Plan, please scan the QR code to visit the county's Climate Action Plan webpage.

Take a medicinal plants hike in the Mattole headwaters

Sanctuary Forest

MATTOLE RIVER – Please join Sanctuary Forest Saturday, May 25 for the Edible and Medicinal Plants Hike in the Mattole River headwaters.

Local herbalist and naturalist Michele Palazzo will lead hikers along the Mattole River and up and over the ridge, stopping to point out and discuss the edible and medicinal properties of a variety of plants.

By hike's end, participants will have picked and eaten various local herbs and learned the names and characteristics of many more.

Bring a paper and pen to take notes, or simply come and enjoy a slow-moving walk through the temperate rainforest of the Whitethorn Valley.

This hike is considered Moderate to Difficult depending on your ability level, covers over three miles round trip of an old road with steep stretches, and includes a stop for lunch at a beautiful waterfall on the Mattole River. Please no dogs.

RSVPs are suggested for all hikes as details are subject to change. Please meet at 10 a.m. at the Restoration Forestry gate (the first right after Whitethorn Elementary School).

Bring a lunch and water, wear sturdy shoes and dress in layers.

The hike is free of charge, though donations are gladly accepted and help us to offer this program year after year.

For questions or to RSVP, visit *sanctuaryforest.org,* email *anna@sanctuaryforest.org* or call (707) 986-1087 ext. 9#.

Dune Detectives Summer Camp registration opens

Friends of the Dunes

MANILA – Explore the outdoors with Dune Detectives! Friends of the Dunes is offering summer camps for children ages 5 to 8 at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center.

Participants will use their powers of observation to learn about the coastal habitats within walking distance from the Nature Center. Located in Manila between the Humboldt Bay and Pacific Ocean, the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center is an ideal location for exploring diverse coastal habitats by foot.

Campers will visit beaches, dunes, wetlands, and coastal forests while learning about nature through exploration, observation, games, songs, and other hands-on activities.

The Dune Detectives summer camp program will be running from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. throughout July in four sessions: July 8 to 12, July 15 to 19, July 22 to 26, and July 29 to August 2. The cost of Dune Detectives half day summer camp is $150 per session for children ages 5 to 8. To register online, or to donate to our scholarship fund, visit *friendsofthedunes.org/summer-camp,* or stop by the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. Scholarship funding is available.

Questions? Contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or email *education@friendsofthedunes.org*.



Take a World-Hopping Walk through the Dunes

Friends of the Dunes

MANILA – Friends of the Dunes invites you to a free, World-Hopping Walk through the Dunes on Sunday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ma-le'l Dunes North. This free community event is on the final day of the annual Forest Moon Festival.

Get the family outside to wear their best intergalactic-themed costume as we tour the Dunes as never before. Voyage through the swamps and wetlands to the Forest Moon, then take a selfie in the sandy Dune world! This space-themed guided walk will delight and inspire, introducing your family to the magical dune ecosystems of Humboldt County.

Be prepared for a hike in nature! Bring water, wear layers and comfortable shoes. It is highly recommended to wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and mosquito spray. There is a pit toilet in the parking lot at Ma-le'l Dunes North and no restrooms on the trail.

Please be on time as the guided walk leader will depart promptly at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 2. Friends of the Dunes is excited to host you on the trails of Ma-le'l Dunes North! Directions to Ma-le'l Dunes North: Take Highway 255 toward Manila and turn west on Young Lane. Follow the dirt road north until you reach the parking lot next to the Mad River Slough.

Questions? Contact Ashley Osia, development director, at *ashley@friendsofthedunes.org* or (707) 444-1397 x 105.

Friends of the Dunes thanks our partners at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge and California State Coastal Conservancy.

Since its establishment in 1982, Friends of the Dunes has actively engaged the community in the conservation of the coastal environments of Humboldt County, California. They envision a dynamic, naturally diverse coastal environment that is restored, sustained and enjoyed for generations to come through the involvement of community members who embrace learning about and caring for the land.